HOUSE BILL No. 1338

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 11-10-4-9.

Synopsis: Mental health and health records. Provides for the maintenance and transfer of a criminal offender's health and mental health records. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the commission on mental health.)

Effective: July 1, 2007.

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January 16, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.



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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in this style type, and deletions will appear in this style type.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or *this style type* reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2006 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning corrections.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:



- SECTION 1. IC 11-10-4-9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: **Sec. 9. (a) As used in this section, "mental health record"** has the meaning set forth in IC 16-18-2-226.
- (b) A psychiatrist or behavioral health care provider may, with or without the offender's consent, provide a copy of an offender's health and mental health records to a facility, an agency, or a health care provider responsible for the incarceration of an offender. The facility or agency responsible for the incarceration of an offender shall maintain any health and mental health records provided under this subsection as part of the offender's health record.
- (c) If an offender is transferred to a different facility, the operator of the facility or agency from which the offender is transferred shall provide the offender's health and mental health records to the facility that is used to:
- (1) house; or

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(2) provide mental health treatment to; the offender, including a county jail or a community mental health	
center.	
(d) The department shall maintain health and mental health	
records for each offender incarcerated by the department. After an	
offender is released from incarceration, the department shall	
provide the offender's health and mental health records, if any, to	
a mental health facility, mental health provider, or designated	
health care provider that is providing mental health treatment to	
the offender.	
(e) All records covered under this section are subject to privacy	
and confidentiality laws, rules, and procedures enacted by the state	
or federal government.	

